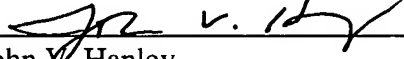


REMARKS

By this paper, claims 24-27 have been canceled. Claims 1-23 are hereby presented for examination.

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